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SUBJECT: TEXT OF AUGUST 29 GVN NOTE ON OIL DISPUTE

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF GVN AUGUST 29 NOTE
(WHICH HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED HERE) PROTESTING
GKR OFFSHORE DRILLING (REFTEL). FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY
TRANSLATION OF NOTE:

BEGIN TEXT

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC IN
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SAIGON AND HAS THE HONOR OF DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY

TO THE FOLLOWING:

UNITS OF THE NAVY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM NOTED ON JULY 3, 1974 THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR OIL EXPLORATION BY THE ELF COMPANY OF CAMBODIA IN THE GULF OF THAILAND, FIFTY MILES WEST OF THE ISLAND OF THO CHAU. AFTER VERIFICATION OF THE COORDINATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DETERMINED THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ZONE OF EXPLORATION IS SITUATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS DETERMINED BY DECREE NO. 249/BKT/UBQGDH DATED JUNE 9, 1971, THE CONTENT OF WHICH WAS COMMUNICATED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC AS WELL AS OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BY NOTE NO. 793/BNG/PL OF JULY 1, 1972.

THE ELF COMPANY OF CAMBODIA IN GOING AHEAD WITH OIL EXPLORATION IN A PART OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BELONGING TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WITHOUT THE PRIOR AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS CLEARLY BROKEN THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC WHICH APPARENTLY AUTHORIZED THE ELF COMPANY TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS EXPLORATION DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE ACTED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JOINT DECISION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AIMED AT TEMPORARILY FREEZING THE PRESENT SITUATION.

THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ASKS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ORDER THE ELF COMPANY OF CAMBODIA TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY ITS EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ZONE AND TO EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY THIS ZONE.

THE NAVY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED WITH THE EXPULSION OF THE ILLEGAL OCCUPANTS IF THE ELF COMPANY OF CAMBODIA HAS NOT COMPLETED THE EVACUATION OF THE AREAS REFERRED TO WITHIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A TIME FRAME OF FIFTEEN DAYS STARTING FROM TODAY'S DATE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS PERSUADED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC WILL TAKE FAVORABLE SUBSEQUENT ACTION ON THIS LEGITIMATE REQUEST IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH EXIST SO HAPPILY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM REITERATES HERE ITS POSITION WHICH IS TO RESOLVE ALL DIFFERENCES

ARISING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BY MEANS OF
NEGOTIATIONS.
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTS THE EMBASSY
TO BRING THE ABOVE TO THE ATTENTION OF ITS GOVERN-
MENT AND TAKES THIS OCCASION TO RENEW TO IT THE
ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION. SAIGON, 29 AUGUST 1974.

END TEXT

2. THE GKR FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTES OF AUGUST 13 AND
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